

State Emergency Response Commission Meeting
May 15, 2008
1:00 pm
Chief Logan State Park
Logan, WV

Voting Members Present:

Jimmy Gianto	WVDHSEM
Roy McCallister	WVCA
Dick Jarvis	Fire Departments
Dan McKinney	WVDNR
Alan Abbott	WV PSC
Deron Wilkes	WVDHHR
Mike Dorsey	WVDEP

Other Members Present:

Misi Savage	WVDHSEM
Laverne Stout	WVDHSEM

Call To Order:

Mr. Jimmy Gianato called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm at the Chief Logan State Park Conference Center in Logan, WV. Meeting packets were distributed to participants. Mr. Gianato asked those assembled to review the minutes from the March 20, 2008 meeting for corrections, deletions or additions. *Mr. Raynes moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Mr. Alan Abbott seconded.*

Old Business:

HMEP Grant-

The HMEP Grant has raised significantly. Laverne said that we may have to raise the allowances of the amount to counties. Mr. Dorsey asked if we needed to tell them up front that the amount has raised. Mr. Gianato asked if there were restrictions when applying for these grants. It was explained that as long as it is related to Hazardous Materials, then it was allowable. Mr. Dorsey asked if we could purchase equipment and pass that along. Mrs. Stout said that only 5% could be used for equipment, while 75% must be passed through to the counties. Mr. Wilkes asked if the state match could be used for equipment. Mrs. Stout said that would be up to the members. There was further discussion.

Mrs. Savage advised the Commission that she would be filling out the HMEP Grant Application soon. Mr. Gianato would need authorization to sign it. *Mr. Raynes made a*

motion to allow Mr. Gianato to sign the HMEP Grant Application on the behalf of the SERC. Mr. Wilkes seconded. Motion carried.

Training:

Mr. Gianato told the membership that Mr. Lattimore was currently at the National Fire Academy in Maryland. Mr. Gianato stated that he thought it would be a good idea to start offering HazMat Tech and HazMat Ops classes. He thought that this would help Sterling Lewis enhance his training. Mr. Gianato said that he believed that training may be the way to get the RRT back on track.

Mr. Wilkes said that we shouldn't put all of our money in one agency. He stated that local hazmat teams need assistance as well.

New Business:

LEPC Memberships: None

Mr. Dorsey said that he had gotten a call from Boone County expressing an interest in becoming active again. Mr. McCallister stated that Wood County hosted a county LEPC meeting. He said that a lot of the LEPC's in that area are making attempts at getting active. He said a lot of the new OES Directors are excited and what to do some things with LEPC's.

Mr. McCallister asked if there had been a letter from the SERC to the County Commissions. Mrs. Stout said that there had been. Mr. McCallister asked if we could send out a letter or something about the conference and County Commissions statutory responsibilities.

Mr. Gianato said one thing being considered within the conference is a public officials workshop.

Mr. Wilkes stated that maybe we could petition the County Commission Association and send them a brochure telling them about the Conference.

There was discussion regarding the Tier II reports. Mrs. Savage told the commission that she was in the process of putting all of the Tier II's on computer. It is a time consuming job, however, one that will benefit everyone in the long run. Mrs. Stout asked if there was an industry that the SERC wanted to center on. There was further discussion.

Mr. Gianato advised the Commission that Mrs. Savage was using the Tier II Submit put out by the EPA. He stated that he has been working on the RFP's that will incorporate the Tier II's and Ecommerce so that industry can totally file on line.

Treasurer's Report: Report is attached for review.

SERC Conference:

Mrs. Savage gave an update on the upcoming conference. She stated that Herb Lattimore, Bill Kersner and herself will be having a planning meeting the week of May 20, 2008.

Mr. Gianato stated that we were still looking for sponsors. Mr. Dorsey recommended looking toward the larger ones.

Mr. Wilkes asked if there was a possibility to have VOAD do a presentation, or have information on how to get people to volunteer. Mr. Jarvis asked about possibly having a grant writing class. Mr. Wilkes then asked about some sort of after action class. Mr. Gianato said that Bill Kersner should be working on it.

Mrs. Stout asked if the DEP would be willing or interested in doing some sort of presentation. There was discussion on having a presentation on Dam safety.

Mr. Wilkes asked who the conference's primary audience would be. He asked if there could be a block for emergency managers. Mrs. Stout said that would occur on the second day.

Mr. Gianato asked the exercise was beneficial. There was discussion among the commission that it was more of a waste. Mr. Gianato said that we needed to see what is beneficial. He pointed out that the chemical industry hadn't been used for awhile.

Mr. Dorsey stated that he had been talking to the director for the federal RRT and the director has offered to come to the next SERC meeting.

Mr. McCallister asked if it would be possible to fund an elected official coming to the conference. Mr. Gianato said that would be nice, but, we were operating under a set amount of funds.

Mr. Wilkes recommended OnStar. He said that he saw their presentation and that it was a great one.

Mrs. Stout made an offer for the commission members to stay and look around the facility. Mr. Gianato stated that everything has gotten expensive. He said that Governor Manchin had sent out a letter to try to hold all events at state parks whenever possible. He just wanted to give that suggestion.

Mr. Raynes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wilkes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.